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LOS ANGELES -- Oct. 5, 2001 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced that it is pleased with today's decision by Newport News Shipbuilding's (NYSE: NNS) Board of Directors to pursue discussions with Northrop Grumman regarding the company's previously announced proposed acquisition of Newport News.

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